

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments, and the following remarks. Claims 1 and 5-18 are in the application. Claims 1, 7-11 and 14-16 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 5-18 under 35 U.S.C. §112 for being indefinite. Applicants have amended claim 1 to claim that the layers are in the struts.

Claims 1, 5, 7, 8, 12 and 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by *Weber et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0230290 A1*. Claims 1 and 5-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Melzer et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,280,385*. Claims 1, 5-6 and 14-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by *Alt et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,767,360*. Claims 1, 5-6 and 14-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by *Weber et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0158310 A1*. Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Alt et al.* in view of *Unger U.S. Patent No. 6,884,407*. Applicants respectfully traverse.

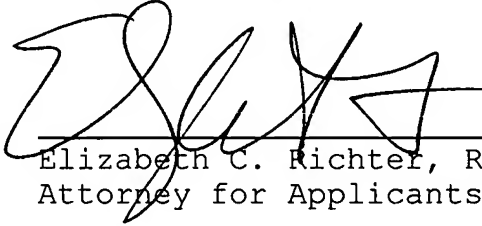
The Examiner stated that amending the claims to claim that the struts comprise the two layers and that the interruptions are in the two layers of the struts would overcome the rejections based on *Alt* and *Meltzer*. The Examiner also stated that amending the claims to claim that the interruptions are in conductive layers of the multiple layers would overcome the rejection based on *Weber '310*.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to claim that the struts comprise the two layers and that the interruptions are in conductive layers of the two layers of the struts. Claim 1 has also been amended to recite that the structure consists of metallic layers that are glued together. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification on page 5, line 7 ff.

None of the cited references teach or suggest metallic layers that are glued together. In addition, as stated by the Examiner, neither *Alt* nor *Meltzer* disclose that the struts comprise two layers and that the interruptions are in the two layers of the struts. *Weber '310* does not disclose that the interruptions are in conductive layers.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1 and 5-18 are patentable over the cited references. Early allowance of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

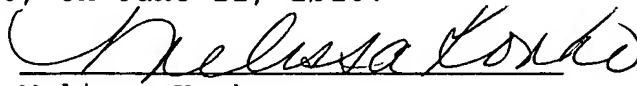
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